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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF BAHAI MARRIAGES

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1. MATTER OF BAHAI "MARRIAGES" APPARENTLY NOT PREVIOUSLY
SUBMITTED TO DEPT AND INFORMATION PROVIDED IN EMBASSY'S
REFTEL NOT SUFFICIENT MAKE ANY DETERMINATION.

2. VALIDITY OF MARRIAGE MEASURED BY LAW OF JURISDICTION
WHERE CELEBRATED, AND IN THIS SENSE IT NECESSARY REVIEW
REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE AS PROVIDED UNDER IRANIAN LAW.
REQUEST EMBASSY SUBMIT BY OM TRANSLATIONS OF PERTINENT
IRANIAN STATUTES GOVERNING MARRIAGES, AND CLARIFICATION
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AS TO AVAILABILITY SOME FORM SECULAR MARRIAGE OR WHETHER
ONLY RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES OF FOUR RECOGNIZED RELIGIONS ARE

ACCORDED VALIDITY. WHILE EMBASSY INDICATES LIMITED
ACCEPTANCE BAHAI MARRIAGE IN CONTEXT PASSPORT ISSUANCE, IS
SUCH ACCEPTANCE EXTENDED INTO OTHER AREAS SUCH AS
LEGITIMACY OF PROGENY SUCH MARRIAGES, INHERITANCE RIGHTS
OF SPOUSES AND CHILDREN, OBLIGATORY SUPPORT FOR WIFE AND
CHILDREN, ETC. INGERSOLL

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